



Research Specialist 2 (Various Studies) Qualifications Assessment

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

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EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate significant aspects of your qualifications for the **Research Specialist 2 (Various Studies)** classification with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). The information you provide will be rated based on objective criteria created by Subject Matter Experts. The rating will be used to determine your final score in this examination. If successful, your name will be placed on an eligible list for the classification listed above. The list will be used to fill positions statewide with CDCR. A "Conditions of Employment" section is included in this examination which will allow you to select the time bases and location(s) you are interested in working. Please print out, **personally complete**, and sign this examination form.

Read the instructions below carefully before completing the assessment. Failure to do so may result in an inability to process your assessment and disqualification from this examination.

AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

I hereby certify that the information provided on this Qualifications Assessment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and contains no willful misrepresentations or falsifications. I also understand that if it is later discovered that I have made any false representations, I may be removed from the examination and/or the eligible list resulting from this examination, have adverse action taken against me which could result in loss of state employment, and/or suffer loss of right to compete in any future state examinations.

Name (Printed): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Work Telephone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

All applicants must complete and submit the following examination materials:

- [Examination Application \(STD. 678\)](#)
- Qualifications Assessment

By mail to:

**Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Talent Acquisition and Career Services
P.O. Box 942883
Sacramento, CA 94283-0001**

Or in person at:

**Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
1515 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95811-7243
Attn: Talent Acquisition and Career Services, 101N**

If you are personally delivering your application and Qualifications Assessment, you must do so between the hours of **8:00 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m.**, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, on or before the **April 7, 2023** to the street address listed above.

NOTE:

- All examination materials must have original signatures.
- Be sure your envelope has adequate postage if submitting via mail.
- Faxed or emailed copies will **NOT** be accepted under any circumstances.
- Make and keep a photocopy of the completed Qualifications Assessment for your records.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This Qualifications Assessment is the sole component of the examination. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be achieved. Therefore, please be sure to review and follow all instructions carefully as missing or incomplete information may result in disqualification or a lower score.

This examination is comprised of the following areas:

- Affirmation Statement (page 1)
- Filing Instructions / General Instructions (page 2)
- Prior State Employment / Conditions of Employment (pages 3 - 4)
- Rating Instructions (page 5)
- Knowledge & Experience Assessment (pages 6 - 11)
- Recruitment Questionnaire (pages 12 - 13)

YOUR RESPONSES ARE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION

Please keep in mind that all information provided on this Qualifications Assessment will be subject to verification at any time during the examination process, hiring process, and even after gaining employment. Anyone who misrepresents his/her experience will be subject to adverse consequences, which could include the following action(s):

- Removal from the examination process
- Removal from the eligible list / certification list
- Loss of State employment
- Loss of rights to compete in any future state examinations

PRIOR STATE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Complete this next section **ONLY** if you have been previously dismissed from California State Civil Service employment by punitive action or as a result of disciplinary proceedings. **IF THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU, please skip this question.**

Do you have written permission from the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) to take this examination?

YES

NO

State Personnel Board, Rule 211 provides that a dismissed state employee may only participate in State Civil Service examinations if he/she has obtained prior consent from the State Personnel Board.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

PLEASE MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) OF YOUR CHOICE.

If you are successful in this examination, your name will be placed on an active employment list and referred to fill vacancies Statewide according to the conditions you specify on this form.

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT YOU WILL ACCEPT

Please mark the appropriate box(es) - you may check "(A) Any" if you are willing to accept any type of employment.

(D) Permanent Full-Time (R) Permanent Part-Time (K) Limited-Term Full-Time (A) Any

If all are marked and you receive an appointment other than permanent full-time, your name will continue to be considered for permanent full-time positions.

LOCATION(S) YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK

5 ANYWHERE IN THE STATE – If this box is marked, no further selection is necessary

NORTHERN REGION

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0100 – Alameda County | <input type="checkbox"/> 2100 – Marin County | <input type="checkbox"/> 4100 – San Mateo County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0200 – Alpine County | <input type="checkbox"/> • CSP, San Quentin | <input type="checkbox"/> 4500 – Shasta County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0300 – Amador County | <input type="checkbox"/> 2300 – Mendocino County | <input type="checkbox"/> 4600 – Sierra County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> • Mule Creek State Prison | <input type="checkbox"/> 2500 – Modoc County | <input type="checkbox"/> 4700 – Siskiyou County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> • Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> 2800 – Napa County | <input type="checkbox"/> 4800 – Solano County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0400 – Butte County | <input type="checkbox"/> 2900 – Nevada County | <input type="checkbox"/> • California Medical Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0500 – Calaveras County | <input type="checkbox"/> 3100 – Placer County | <input type="checkbox"/> • CSP, Solano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0600 – Colusa County | <input type="checkbox"/> 3200 – Plumas County | <input type="checkbox"/> 4900 – Sonoma County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0700 – Contra Costa County | <input type="checkbox"/> 3400 – Sacramento County | <input type="checkbox"/> 5100 – Sutter County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0800 – Del Norte County | <input type="checkbox"/> • CSP, Sacramento | <input type="checkbox"/> 5200 – Tehama County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> • Pelican Bay State Prison | <input type="checkbox"/> • Folsom State Prison | <input type="checkbox"/> 5300 – Trinity County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0900 – El Dorado County | <input type="checkbox"/> • Richard A. McGee Correctional Training Center | <input type="checkbox"/> 5500 – Tuolumne County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1100 – Glenn County | <input type="checkbox"/> 3800 – San Francisco County | <input type="checkbox"/> • Sierra Conservation Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1200 – Humboldt County | <input type="checkbox"/> 3900 – San Joaquin County | <input type="checkbox"/> 5700 – Yolo County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700 – Lake County | <input type="checkbox"/> • Deuel Vocational Institute | <input type="checkbox"/> 5800 – Yuba County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800 – Lassen County | <input type="checkbox"/> • California Health Care Facility | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> • California Correctional Center | <input type="checkbox"/> • O.H. Close YCF | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> • High Desert State Prison | <input type="checkbox"/> • N.A. Chaderjian YCF | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> • Northern California YCC | |

CENTRAL REGION

- 1000 – **Fresno County**
 - Pleasant Valley State Prison
- 1400 – **Inyo County**
- 1500 – **Kern County**
 - California City Correctional Facility
 - California Correctional Institution
 - Kern Valley State Prison
 - North Kern State Prison
 - Wasco State Prison
- 1600 – **Kings County**
 - Avenal State Prison
 - CSP, Corcoran
 - CA Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
- 2000 – **Madera County**
 - Central California Women's Facility
 - Valley State Prison
- 2200 – **Mariposa County**
- 2400 – **Merced County**
- 2600 – **Mono County**
- 2700 – **Monterey County**
 - Correctional Training Facility
 - Salinas Valley State Prison
- 3500 – **San Benito County**
- 4000 – **San Luis Obispo County**
 - California Men's Colony
- 4300 – **Santa Clara County**
- 4400 – **Santa Cruz County**
- 5000 – **Stanislaus County**
- 5400 – **Tulare County**

SOUTHERN REGION

- 1300 – **Imperial County**
 - Calipatria State Prison
 - CSP, Centinela
- 1900 – **Los Angeles County**
 - CSP, Los Angeles County
- 3000 – **Orange County**
- 3300 – **Riverside County**
 - California Rehabilitation Center
 - Chuckawalla Valley State Prison
 - Ironwood State Prison
- 3600 – **San Bernardino County**
 - California Institution for Men
 - California Institution for Women
- 3700 – **San Diego County**
 - RJ Donovan Correctional Facility
- 4200 – **Santa Barbara County**
- 5600 – **Ventura County**
 - Ventura YCF

ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

After list release, successful candidates may update any address and/or availability for employment preference information by accessing their [CalCareer Account](http://www.calcareers.ca.gov) (www.calcareers.ca.gov) on the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) website.

Once logged into your CalCareer Account, from the **My Account** page:

- Update your personal information (name, address, phone number) by selecting “Contact Information” under **Account Management**.
- Update your employment preference information (tenure, time base, location preferences) by selecting “Exam / Assessment Records” under **Exams / Assessments**, then selecting the list you have eligibility on, then selecting “Change Conditions of Employment” under **Eligibility Record Actions**.

RATING INSTRUCTIONS

Rate your knowledge and experience performing specific job-related actions, using the rating scale(s) below.

Respond to each statement, beginning on the following page, by indicating how the statement applies to you. You are required to respond to every statement by marking one option for each of the two scales provided. Responses may not be changed or added once submitted to Talent Acquisition and Career Services. Missing responses will result in a lower score.

In responding to each statement, you may refer to your FORMAL EDUCATION, FORMAL TRAINING COURSES, and/or WORK EXPERIENCE whether paid or not paid.

SCALE #1 - KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO PERFORMING THIS ACTION

Extensive Knowledge

I possess an expert knowledge level to the extent that I have effectively performed tasks related to this knowledge in the most difficult and complex situations **and** I have instructed others on specific aspects of this knowledge.

Moderate Knowledge

I possess an advanced knowledge level to the extent that I could effectively perform this task under the majority of circumstances or situations encountered.

Basic Knowledge

I possess a sufficient knowledge level that would allow me to perform this task successfully in routine situations.

Limited Knowledge

I have some knowledge of how to perform this task, but I may require additional instruction to apply my knowledge effectively.

No Knowledge

I have no knowledge of how to perform this task or what it may entail.

SCALE #2 - EXPERIENCE RELATED TO PERFORMING THIS ACTION

Extensive Experience

I have more than 3 years of experience in regularly performing this action **and** I have instructed others on this specific action.

Moderate Experience

I have more than 2 years, but less than 3 years of experience performing this action **and** I can perform it independently.

Basic Experience

I have more than 1 years, but less than 2 years of experience performing this action **and** I have performed it regularly with minimal or no assistance.

Limited Experience

I have less than 1 years of experience in performing this action **and** I may require assistance for successful performance.

No Experience

I have never performed this action.

1. Apply research techniques to major research studies to improve departmental efficiency and performance.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

2. Design complex research methods to conduct major research projects.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

3. Oversee sensitive research projects to produce a timely, organized, and thorough report.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

4. Provide recommendations to management that are based on research findings and conclusions.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

5. Design research methodology to perform data collection and analysis for complex assignments.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

6. Conduct analyses of sensitive changes to rules and regulations to provide information about potential impact to the organization.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

7. Review complex statistical reports to assess the potential impact of the information/data to the organization.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

8. Develop recommendations for an ongoing program evaluation system based upon program inputs and outcomes.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

9. Serve as a research liaison to organizational programs to develop research policies, products, and services.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

10. Present information and data derived from research projects to management or other organizations to provide them with recommendations and/or options.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

11. Document the process involved in producing statistical/research reports, projections, and estimates for internal/external stakeholders.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

12. Represent the organization in formal and/or informal settings to obtain and report information/data received from completed research projects.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

13. Develop and provide consultation on complex evaluation plans to assess the performance of existing programs.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

14. Remain up-to-date on current research methodologies by maintaining communication with professional research organizations.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

15. Prepare complex, sensitive, or technical written documents to provide and/or request information as it relates to research studies.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

16. Prepare formal presentations for management to present research progress, barriers, and findings from projects.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

17. Train staff and peers on changes to research methodologies to improve their skills and knowledge.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

18. Communicate in a professional manner using tact, interpersonal and conflict management skills to maintain working relationships with others.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

19. Lead staff in developing and/or providing consultation on the development of evaluation/research plans to assess performance.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

20. Provide research-based recommendations to the Executive Management Team to aid in the formulation and implementation of department-wide policies.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

21. Conduct research studies using varied techniques such as sampling, validity, and inferential statistics to collect and analyze data.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

22. Plan a research study that includes information received from governmental functions at the Federal, State or local level, the legislative process, and other organizations.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

23. Create a research study, which involves information and data from an organizational and/or governmental system.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

24. Implement a research study, which includes goals, benchmarks, and performance criteria for an organization's strategic and long range planning goals.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

25. Reason logically and creatively by using a variety of research techniques to assess the validity and quality of completed projects.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

26. Create a research study, which involves information and data from criminal justice and/or correctional systems.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

THIS CONCLUDES THE EXAMINATION

REVISION DATE: 02/08/2023 - CM

RECRUITMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Applicants are asked to voluntarily provide the information below. The following data will be used for statistical data gathering and reporting purposes. This questionnaire will be separated from the examination and this information will not be used in any employment decisions.

GENDER

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary

RACE AND ETHNICITY

Check one box that best describes your race or ethnicity.

- | | ASIAN | PACIFIC ISLANDER |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Asian** | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Pacific Islander*** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino (alone or in combination with any other race) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Races* | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Laotian | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian | |

*If you identify with more than one race that is Non-Hispanic or Latino, select Multiple Races.

**If you identify with more than one Asian ethnicity, select Multiple Asian.

***If you identify with more than one Pacific Islander ethnicity, select Multiple Pacific Islander.

AUTHORITIES

Government Code sections 8310.5, 19705, 19790, 19792(h) and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, sections 599.980, 11013(b) authorize the State of California to collect demographic information on job applicants and exam participants for analysis and statistical purposes.

CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE TO COMPLETE RECRUITMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

RECRUITMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

On behalf of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, we thank you for participating in this examination. To assist us in our recruitment efforts, please tell us how you heard about this examination.

Please check the appropriate box and, where relevant, specify your answer:

- Internet (www.cdcr.ca.gov, www.jobs.ca.gov)
- Job Fair
- Friend/Family Member
- Staffing Agency (Spearhead, Manpower)
- Career Assistance Centers (e.g., Employment Development Department Career Network, Workforce Center)
- State Agency (please specify): _____
- Military Base (please specify): _____
- Local Union (please specify): _____
- Other (please specify): _____

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- Flyer
- Banner
- Employee
- Exam Bulletin E-Blast
- Institution Bulletin Board

Social Media

- Facebook
- Indeed
- Monster

Educational Facility

- College
- Trade School
- School Association
- Specialized Training/Certification Program (e.g., Job Corps, Skill Centers, Regional Occupational Programs)
- Local Apprenticeship Program

Public Advertisements

- Bus
- Truck
- Billboard
- Mobile Ad

Out of State Resource

- Arizona
- Oregon
- Nevada